

[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

Then the G. O. on recruitment to the Public Service laid down another principle and Government ordered that all appointments should be regarded as provisional. Owing to a conjuncture of such circumstances a good number of people with considerable acting service remained unconfirmed. But the matter is now receiving attention.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know in answer to part (f) the number of fresh hands who were entertained in service over-looking the claims of acting hands?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About 19.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the reasons for that?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In some cases it was due to retrenchment. Owing to retrenchment in the Colleges, people who were retrenched had to be provided for in the schools. In other cases it was due to superior academic qualifications.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether any raw-men are included in the number 19?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The honourable member must explain what he means by raw-men?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Besides those who were transferred from Colleges the member said that some hands were newly entertained. I want to know the number of fresh men so entertained?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A few men with superior qualifications, mostly western, were preferred to acting men.

Cultivation of Tobacco in Travancore.

76. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have passed the rules regarding the question of cultivation of tobacco in Travancore; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(a) No.

(b) Draft Rules for regulating the cultivation of tobacco are under the consideration of Government.

Private School Teachers.

77. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of private school teachers belonging to each of the various communities recognised in the matter of recruitment to Public Service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information, asked for by the member, are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether after receiving the same question during the last Budget Session the Director of Public Instruction attempted to gather information on the subject from his subordinates?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir, I do not recollect having done that.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether it was without the knowledge of the Director of Public Instruction the Divisional Inspectors and their assistants wrote to the managers calling for information on this question and sending them to the Director?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): If my memory serves me right, I do not remember to have done anything of the kind. But an inquiry may have been made by the Divisional Inspectors.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know from the Director what was the result of the enquiry made through his subordinates?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Presumably, the enquiry if it was started was not proceeded with.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction got any replies from the Divisional Inspectors on this matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir—

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I rise to a point of order.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Let the Director of Public Instruction finish the answer.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): As I said, Sir, we have not collected any definite information. And the Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information asked for by the member are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): My question is whether the Director attempted to collect information on this matter from his subordinates?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already said that I do not remember to have done so. There is no point in pursuing the same question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When the member put a question to the Director of Public Instruction the point of order I wanted to raise was this. May I know whether we are permitted to put questions to any departmental head as such or whether to the member representing Government?

PRESIDENT: Slight technical irregularities may perhaps be excused.